

Takitimu North Link Stage 2 – Proposed Archaeological Authority Conditions (October 2025)

DEFINITIONS

The table below defines the acronyms and terms used in the Archaeological Authority conditions. Defined terms are capitalised.

| Abbreviation/term | Meaning/definition |
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| Authority Holder | New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi |
| Construction Works | Activities undertaken to construct the Project, excluding Enabling Works. |
| Designation | Designation D203 (Road purposes – State Highway 2) which includes an alteration to D203 extending its footprint over D181 (Road for access to State Highway 2) in the Western Bay of Plenty District Plan. |
| Enabling Works | <p>Preparatory works and investigations to enable Construction Works, including the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological investigations • Geotechnical investigations • Formation of access for site investigations • Establishing construction yards and offices • Constructing and sealing (if necessary) access roads and accesses to private properties and the Project • Contaminated land investigations • Demolition or removal works, including contaminated land clearance • Fencing • Vegetation protection or removal works • Investigation, protection and relocation of utilities • Establishment of mitigation measures (such as screen planting) for Enabling Works |
| HNZPT | Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga – [to insert relevant contact] |
| NZAA | New Zealand Archaeological Association |
| Project | The construction, operation and maintenance of Takitimu North Link Stage 2. |
| Project Archaeologist | The schedule 8 clause 7 Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 'approved person', being Dr Warren Gumbley; or any subsequent person as approved under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. |

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| Project Works | All Enabling Works and Construction Works. |
| Working Day | <p>A day of the week other than—</p> <p>(a) Saturday, a Sunday, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the Sovereign's birthday, Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki/Matariki Observance Day, and Labour Day; and</p> <p>(b) if Waitangi Day or Anzac Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the following Monday; and</p> <p>(c) a day in the period commencing on 20 December in any year and ending with 10 January in the following year.</p> |

- AA1 The Authority shall expire 20 years after the date the Authority is granted.
- AA2 The Authority Holder shall advise HNZPT of the date when archaeological works will begin at least two Working Days before archaeological works start.
- AA3 The Authority Holder shall advise HNZPT of the completion of archaeological works within five Working Days of completion.
- AA4 Pursuant to section 45(1) of the HNZPT Act 2014 and schedule 8 clause 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, the Project Archaeologist is approved by HNZPT to carry out any archaeological work required as a condition of this authority, and to compile and submit a report on the work done.
- AA5 (a) The Authority Holder shall prepare an **Archaeological Management Plan (AMP)**. The purpose of the AMP is to outline procedures for day-to-day activities that may affect archaeological sites.
- (b) The AMP shall be prepared in accordance with New Zealand Transport Agency P45 Heritage specification for land transport infrastructure (April 2024), or any subsequent versions.
- (c) The AMP shall include:
- (i) Provision for Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka cultural monitoring to take place during archaeological investigations; and
 - (ii) Procedures for reporting items, artifacts, and / or other archaeological finds to Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka.
- (d) At least 10 Working Days before submitting the AMP to HNZPT for certification in accordance with AA5(e), the AMP shall be provided to Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka for review and comment. The Authority Holder shall consider any written feedback received from Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka and incorporate suggestions from the written feedback as the Authority Holder considers appropriate. The AMP shall include a summary of written feedback received by Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka and outline how feedback has been incorporated into the AMP and, if not, the reasons for that.
- (e) At least 20 Working Days before starting Project Works, the AMP shall be submitted to HNZPT for certification that the AMP satisfies the requirements of AA5(a) and (b).
- (f) The certified AMP shall be implemented and complied with for the duration of the Archaeological Authority.
- (g) The Authority Holder may update the AMP by submitting the amended AMP in writing to HNZPT for certification in accordance with AA5(e).

- (h) If the AMP (or amendment) required under these conditions has been submitted to HNZPT for certification, and 20 Working Days has passed, and HNZPT has not certified the AMP (or amendment), or advised that the AMP (or amendment) is not suitable to certify, the AMP will be deemed to have been certified and the Authority Holder may commence Project Works in accordance with the AMP (or amendment) as submitted.
- AA6 (a) The Authority Holder shall prepare an **Archaeological Research and Mitigation Strategy (Strategy)**. The purpose of the Strategy is to identify the research objectives that archaeological investigations should address and the methodologies to be followed to achieve those objectives. The research objectives shall be informed by regional and national research themes.
- (b) At least 10 Working Days before submitting the Strategy to HNZPT for certification in accordance with AA6(c), the Strategy shall be provided to Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka for review and comment. The Authority Holder shall consider any written feedback received from Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka prior to providing the Strategy to HNZPT, as required in AA6(c), and incorporate suggestions from the written feedback as the Authority Holder considers appropriate.
- (c) At least 20 Working Days before starting Project Works, the Strategy shall be submitted to HNZPT for certification that the Strategy satisfies the requirements of AA6(a).
- (d) The certified Strategy shall be implemented and complied with for the duration of the Archaeological Authority.
- (e) The Authority Holder may update the Strategy by submitting the amended Strategy in writing to HNZPT for certification in accordance with AA6(c).
- (f) If the Strategy (or amendment) required under these conditions has been submitted to HNZPT for certification, and 20 Working Days has passed, and HNZPT has not certified the Strategy (or amendment), or advised that the Strategy (or amendment) is not suitable to certify, the Strategy will be deemed to have been certified and the Authority Holder may commence Project Works in accordance with the Strategy (or amendment) as submitted.
- AA7 Archaeological work must be undertaken in conformity with any tikanga Māori protocols agreed between the Authority Holder and Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka.
- AA8 Any earthworks that may affect an archaeological site may be monitored by an archaeologist at the discretion of the Project Archaeologist.
- AA9 Any archaeological evidence encountered during the exercise of this Archaeological Authority must be investigated, recorded and analysed in accordance with current archaeological practice, the AMP and the Strategy.
- AA10 Within 20 Working Days of the completion of on-site archaeological work associated with this Authority, the Authority Holder shall ensure that:
- (a) An interim report, to the satisfaction of HNZPT, following the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023) is submitted to HNZPT for inclusion in the HNZPT Archaeological Reports Digital Library.
- (b) Site records are updated or submitted to the NZAA Site Recording Scheme.
- AA11 The Authority Holder shall submit to HNZPT written updates on progress of the Project and archaeological results to date on a monthly basis from the date of commencement of archaeological works, to the satisfaction of HNZPT.
- AA12 Within 24 months of the completion of the on-site archaeological work, the Authority Holder shall ensure that a final report, completed to the satisfaction of HNZPT, is emailed to HNZPT for inclusion in HNZPT's Archaeological Reports Digital Library, and to Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka. A copy must also be provided to the NZAA Central Filekeeper.

Advice note: *these conditions apply to all Archaeological Authorities held by the Authority Holder to implement the Project. For clarity, a separate AMP or Strategy under AA5 and AA6 does not need to be prepared for each Authority held. The Authority Holder may prepare one AMP and one Strategy, applying to some or all Authorities held for the Project, in order to comply with these conditions.*